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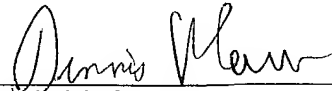
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DATED : August 17, 2004

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### Correction(s)

On the front page of patent (73) Assignee "Eastman Kodak Company" should read

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09/751,766	12/29/2000	Max Allen Weaver	32887.203735	5781

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Signed this 21st day of November, 1997

Max Allen Weaver  
Max Allen Weaver

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STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN ) ss.  
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On this 21 day of November, 1997 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for Sullivan County, Max Allen Weaver, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Linda B. Allison  
Notary Public

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Signed this 21 day of November, 1997

James John Krutak, Sr.  
James John Krutak, Sr.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN ) ss.  
)

On this 21 day of November, 1997 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for Sullivan County, James John Krutak, Sr., to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

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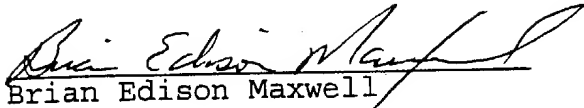
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Signed this 21 day of November, 1997

  
Brian Edison Maxwell

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On this 21 day of November, 1997 personally appeared before me,  
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to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who  
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Signed this 21 day of November, 1997

Gerry Foust Rhodes  
Gerry Foust Rhodes

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STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
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Signed this 24 day of November, 1997

Samuel David Hilbert  
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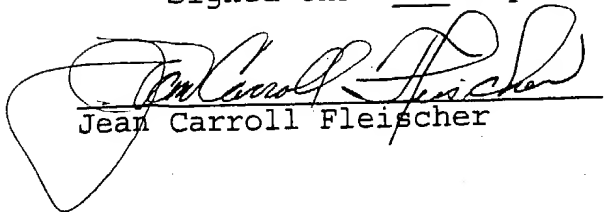
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Linda B. Allison  
Notary Public

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Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 1997

  
Jean Carroll Fleischer

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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
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Signed this 21 day of November, 1997

William Whitfield Parham  
William Whitfield Parham

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On this 21 day of November, 1997 personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for Sullivan County, William Whitfield Parham, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Linda B. Allison  
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For good and valuable consideration received, I/we, Max Allen Weaver, James John Krutak, Sr., Brian Edison Maxwell, Gerry Foust Rhodes, Samuel David Hilbert, Jean Carroll Fleischer, and William Whitfield Parham, do hereby sell and assign to Eastman Chemical Company, a Delaware corporation having a place of business at Kingsport, Tennessee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, interest and priority rights in and to all of my/our inventions, discoveries and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent for

METHOD FOR PREPARING LIGHT-ABSORBING POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS

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executed by	<u>William Whitfield Parham</u>	the	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	day of	<u>March</u>	<del>1999</del> 2000

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Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1999

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Max Allen Weaver

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, ~~1999~~<sup>2000</sup>

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James John Krutak, Sr.

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